

# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Teacher Notes:

Please check out the snack list and send in something.

Please check your child's folder nightly! Also, please remember to return your child's folder every day!

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated; just let me know when you are available! Thanks to all who have volunteered!

## Language Arts:

Teaching the children about fall is one of my favorite times of the school year. I love sharing all of the natural changes with the children! One of my favorite authors to share is Lois Ehlert and many of our activities stem from her literature like Leaf Man, and Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, so check her out next time you visit the library. We also made a few of our fall books to develop our emerging reading skills; please practice these books at home and remember to encourage your children to point to the words as they read and to identify words in isolation. To practice writing, we wrote and drew pictures about fall in a fall journal. We have been working on holding a pencil in the correct way, using more than 4 colors in our picture, and using the space that is allotted to make our picture. With the fall journals, we were also learning about color words and learning that our words and pictures need to match. Ask the children to share the rhyme, "Autumn Winds", with you; it is a lot of fun!

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## Upcoming Events:

- October 18- PALS Testing begins
- October 26 - Field Trip
- October 28 - Field Trip (rain Date)
- November 1 - No School for Students!
- November 2 - Conferences

## Math:

There are so many fun things to do with leaves in math, and we tried to do them all this week. To practice patterns, we used red and yellow leaves first and then we used squirrels and footballs next. We liked the squirrel and football patterns because we made them using the Smart Board! We are also working on other patterns other than AB so we have been learning about ABB, AAB, and AABB patterns. To practice counting, sorting, and number writing, we used colored acorns; ask your child to tell you about this activity.

## Other Activities:

In center time, we made leaf creatures with things from nature, sponge painted fall leaves, and used play dough to make fall leaves!

## Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

## Homework:

Please practice skills mentioned in your child's interim. Remember to make it fun and spend 5 or 10 minutes a night. Please do not get yourself or your child frustrated with any homework! This is to help connect home and school, and it is to be a fun time of working and learning together.

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

## Next Week:

We will begin learning about the letter "a" and apples. PALS testing begins next week, so please make sure that your children get plenty of rest, a good breakfast, and are present and on time.

**\*Please contact me with any  
questions and concerns:  
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